

Abraham Lincoln papers

From Abraham Lincoln to Henry Ward Beecher [Copy]¹, February 27, 1865

¹ Beecher had written Lincoln on February 4 (*q. v.*) expressing confidence that Lincoln had not compromised any major Union interest at the Hampton Roads conference. His letter was written before Lincoln had released the correspondence and his report regarding the conference. See Lincoln to United States House of Representatives [February 10, 1865].

Beecher's letter to Lincoln of February 21 (*q. v.*) passed on the expressed gratification of a former college tutor of Beecher's who was a missionary in Persia, at the news of Lincoln's re-election.

Executive Mansion

Washington, Feb. 27. 1865

My dear Sir

Yours of the 4th and the 21st reached me together only two days ago. I now thank you for both. Since you wrote the former the whole matter of the negotiations, if it can be so called, has been published, and you, doubtless, have seen it. When you were with me on the evening of the 1st I had no thought of going in person to meet the Richmond gentlemen.

Yours truly

A. Lincoln

[Endorsed on Envelope by Lincoln:]

Rev. H— W. Beecher—